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Boston, June 29, 1832

Respected Sir:

Permit me to introduce to you the Rev. Moses Thacher of North Wrentham, who is now about to visit your State for the purpose of delivering an address at Augusta on the 4th of July, before the Anti-Masonic State Convention. He is a gentleman of great modesty, and worth—great moral courage in every good cause—great perseverance, industry and talent. He is deeply interested in the cause of emancipation, and is one of the Board of Managers of the New England Anti-Slavery Society.

#1 [Our little Society is gradually expanding, and begins already to make a perceptible impression upon the public mind. Scarcely, has the good seed been buried in the earth, and yet even now it is sending up its shoots in every direction!—] While we endeavor to work like good husbandmen, we rely upon God for the increase. Surely, the cause is precious in his sight—and if we repose unfaltering confidence in him, we cannot fail of reaping an abundant harvest.

#1 [Every Monday evening, an animated discussion is held in this city on the principles and tendency of the American Colonization Society.—The friends of this pernicious combination, having no ground on which to stand, are routed in every debate. They are not conscious of the weakness of their cause until they prepare to defend it—and they come to the contest only to experience an inglorious defeat.]

#2 [I have had a most delightful visit to Philadelphia, to attend the National Convention of the Free People of Color,—an account of which you



will find in the Liberator of to-morrow. The delegates were generally men of large, sound sense and quick discernment—some of them able debaters, and all animated by a kindling, towering spirit of improvement. The people of color now begin to hope for a better state of things; this hope is filling their breasts with motives to exertion—and the consequence is, they are rising fast in moral and literary improvement.

#2 I sincerely wish you had been at the Convention. I wish you had been with me in Philadelphia, to see what I saw, to hear what I heard, and to experience what I felt, in associating with many colored families. There are colored men and women, young men and young ladies, in that city, who have few superiors in refinement, in moral worth, and in all that makes the human character worthy of admiration and praise.]

#2 [I have forwarded to you, this morning, by the steam-boat, 25 copies of my "Thoughts on Colonization," which I wish you to distribute gratuitously, among your friends, (particularly clergymen) who may most need the information it contains, and whom it is most important to convert. These copies absorb but a small part of the money which you have so generously, at various times, given to myself and my partner to promote the cause of bleeding humanity.] You shall have as many additional copies to distribute as you desire.

The mockery of mockeries is at hand—the Fourth of July! By many, the day will be spent in rioting and intemperate drinking—by others, in political defamation and partisan heat—by others, in boasting of the freedom of the American people, and unhazardous denunciations of the



mother country. The waste of money, and health, and morals, will be immense. Another party will seize the occasion (many of them with the best motives) to extol the merits of the Colonization Society, and increase its funds. Mistaken men! A very small number will spend the day in sadness and supplication, on account of the horrible oppression which is exercised over the bodies and souls of two millions of the rational creatures of God, in this boasted land of liberty.

I have been appointed, by the New-England Anti-Slavery Society, to deliver an address in this city on the 4th of July, on the subject of Slavery. Although the most strenuous exertions have been made by a committee to procure a meeting-house in which to have the address delivered, up to this hour they have not been able to succeed — and probably we must resort to a hall. Tell it not at the South! Publish it not in the capital of Georgia.

I trust this letter will find you and your family in health and prosperity. May the Lord protect and bless you all to a ripe old age, and finally receive you to himself in a world where change and sickness, and decay, and death never come.

Give my respects to the Rev. Mr. Shepard, and accept for yourself the assurances of my high esteem and personal attachment.

Wm. Lloyd Garrison.

P.S. Mr. Knapp send his grateful remembrances and best wishes to you
and yours.

Mr. Ebenezer Dole
Hallowell, Me.

(Favored by the Rev. Moses Thacher.

